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OBLIGATIONS AND TASKS OF CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

CHECK-UP OF TWO-YEAR PARTY CANDIDATES -- Prague, Funkcionar, 18 May 50

The instructions of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia concerning the "Individual Check-Up of Candidates for Admission as Party Members" will be the subject of discussion at the committee meetings of all organizations and are to become the basis for the immediate check-up of those candidates whose waiting period has ended.

It appears that in the basic organizations sufficient attention often is not devoted to the candidates and their training. Candidates should be systematically cared for by each basic organization to ensure that they become good party members.

In the basic organizations it will be necessary to show clearly what party membership means and to assure far greater attention to the candidates and their admission as members, and to cause the candidates themselves to take more interest in whether the organization acts on their membership.

The chairmen of the basic organizations must call special meetings of the candidates of their organizations in order to discuss with them the significance of the waiting period and of their right to apply for party membership after the expiration of that period. At these meetings, weight must be given to what the candidates themselves have done to become good party members and how they have been aided in this task by the organization.

This discussion will make the candidates realize better that party membership is a great honor which must be well deserved.

CRITICISM OF OKRES COMMITTEES -- Prague, Funkcionar, 18 May 50

Two-day okres conferences have taken place in all 226 okreses. In most okreses, the delegates came out with proper criticisms of the work of the okres committees. The following were the main criticisms:

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1. Little contact between the okres committees and the basic organizations.
2. Insufficient, sometimes very inferior work by the okres instructors.
3. Inadequate work of the okres referents.
4. Deficiencies in cadre work. The delegates demanded greater vigilance in allocating workers; they also demanded that the basic organizations not be neglected in criticism of personnel and that the greatest possible number of able workers be taken in to collaborate.
5. Frequently unnecessary forwarding of written circulars to the organizations.
6. Inferior coordination of actions.
7. Administrative deficiencies in the work of the okres secretariats, late delivery of membership papers and cards, late delivery of notifications of meetings, conferences, etc. -- R. Dubova

TASKS OF PARTY MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES -- Prague, Funkcionar, 27 Apr 50

The editors of the Funkcionar made the following statements in answer to questions submitted by a reader:

1. Candidacy is not counted as membership. Party membership dates from the time when the candidate was admitted as member.
2. The committee of the basic organization cannot itself impose party punishments on members and candidates. The members and candidates who violate party discipline may be punished by their organization (the membership meeting is the highest organ of the basic organization) or a higher party organ. The committee of the basic organization is first to discuss the matter with the member or the candidate and then to submit to the membership meeting a justified proposal for party punishment.
3. Each member has the right to abstain from voting at an election, if the proposed candidate is not well known to him. It is the task of the election commission to propose for a committee those candidates who are devoted to the party and to the working class, and who have gained through their work, the confidence of the members of the organization. The proposal commission must prepare, for each candidate, a detailed critique on how he worked until 1938, how he acted during the occupation, and how he has proven himself in party work. Such a conscientiously prepared critique will prevent anyone from making a mistake in voting.
4. Each member and candidate is to be entrusted with a functionary task, either in the party or in a nonparty organization. The committee of the organization must continuously control the performance of these functions. Besides, it is the task of each functionary to train an assistant or a substitute for his function. Cadre reserves are created by members performing their functions. After their departure to other functions, the sector formerly entrusted to them is not threatened and continues its work.

Funkcionar, 18 May 50

The editors of Funkcionar have given the following answers to questions submitted by readers:

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1. The membership meetings cannot proceed without the instructor of the okres committee or the members of higher party organs who will be admitted on the basis of verified delegate papers and party cards. Those who are not organized in the proper basic organization and those who are not Party members (even though they may be relatives of members or of candidates) will not be admitted to the meetings.

2. It is the duty of the delegate to the okres or municipal conference to inform the organization which he represents about the proceedings and the decisions of the conference.

3. It is improper and inadmissible to deduct party contributions directly from wages.

4. Each organization must follow and evaluate the work of its members, regardless of whether the members are entrusted with functions in the party or in nonparty organizations. It must continuously control the manner in which members fulfill the tasks assigned to them in the party. Members who work in nonparty organizations must regularly submit reports of their activities to their basic organizations.

A higher party organ has the right to entrust a member with various party tasks. It must, however, request a judgment from the member's factory or local organization before it entrusts the function to him.

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